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UNIVERSITY OF QUEBEC.

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(*Mr. Meagher.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
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UNIVERSITY OF QUEBEC.

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 12 March 1856;—for,

“ COPY of the CHARTER granted for the purpose of Erecting the Seminary
of *Quebec* into an University.”

Colonial Office, }
14th April 1856. }

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EXTRACT from Thirteenth Part PATENT ROLL of the Sixteenth Year of
the Reign of Queen *Victoria*.

LAVAL UNIVERSITY, QUEBEC, CHARTER.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, greeting :

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, that there has existed during the last two hundred years, and does now exist in that part of Our Province of Canada called Lower Canada, a Seminary established for the education and instruction of youth, and known by and under the corporate style and title of "Le Seminaire de Quebec;" that the said Seminary comprises a school of divinity, and classes of instruction in science and literature, at present frequented by more than 400 pupils; that the said Corporation is amply endowed, being provided with abundant means for carrying out its objects without assistance from the Provincial Legislature; that it possesses extensive and valuable libraries, rich and costly collections of all kinds of philosophical and other apparatus requisite for assisting in imparting a knowledge of the sciences :

And whereas humble application hath been made unto Us by the very Reverend Louis Jacques Casault, Superior of the said Seminary, and the Reverend Antoine Parant, Joseph Aubry, John Holmes, Léon Guigras, Louis Guigras, Michel Forgues, Elzear Alexandre Taschereau and Edward John Horan, Directors of the said Seminary, that We would be pleased to grant Our Royal Charter for the purpose of authorising the said Corporation to confer Degrees, and granting unto the said Corporation all other the privileges usually granted to and enjoyed by Universities ;

Now know ye, That having taken the premises into Our Royal consideration, and duly appreciating the great utility and importance of the enjoyment of these privileges by the said "Seminaire de Quebec," We, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have ordained and granted, and by these presents do for Us, Our heirs and successors, ordain and grant, that the said Louis Jacques Casault, Antoine Parant, Joseph Aubry, John Holmes, Léon Guigras, Louis Guigras, Michel Forgues, Elzear Alexandre Taschereau and Edward John Horan, and their successors in their offices aforesaid, shall be and be called as heretofore one body corporate and politic, and shall, in addition to the powers and privileges by them hitherto possessed and enjoyed in their said corporate capacity, have, possess and enjoy the rights, powers and privileges of an University as hereinafter directed, for the education and instruction of youth and students in arts and faculties; and that in each and every act or deed done and performed under and in virtue of this Charter, the said "Seminaire de Quebec" shall be named, called and known as the "Université Laval" (Laval University).

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare, ordain and grant that our trusty and well-beloved the most Reverend Pierre Flavien Turgeon, Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Diocese of Quebec, or the Roman Catholic Archbishop for the time being of the said Diocese, or the person administering the said Diocese, shall by virtue of his office be Visitor of the said University.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare, ordain and grant that there shall be at all times one Rector of the said University, and that the said office of Rec or shall be held by the Superior of the said Seminaire de Quebec for the time being.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare, ordain and grant that there shall be such and so many Professors in the different Arts
and

and Faculties in our said University as from time to time shall be deemed necessary or expedient, and as shall be regulated by the Visitor of Our said University, by and with the advice of the University Council hereinafter established.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare, ordain and grant that the said Rector and the said Professors of Our said University, and all persons who shall be duly matriculated into and admitted as Members of Our said University, and their successors for ever, shall be one distinct and separate body politic in deed and in name, by the name and style of "The Rector and Members of Université Laval (Laval University) at Quebec, in the Province of Canada," and that by the same name they shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and that they and their successors shall from time to time have full power to break, change, alter or renew such common seal at their will and pleasure, and as often as they shall judge expedient; and that by the same name they, the said Rector and Members of the said University, and their successors from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in all or any Court or Courts of Record within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Our said Province of Canada, and other Our dominions, and in all singular actions, clauses, pleas, suits, matters and demands whatsoever, of what nature or kind soever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other body corporate and politic, or any other Our liege subjects, being persons able and capable in law, may or can sue, implead or answer, or be sued, impleaded or answered, in any manner whatsoever.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare and ordain that there shall be within Our said University a Council, to be called and known by the name of the "Université Laval (Laval University) Council."

And We do, for Us, Our heirs and successors, will and ordain that the said Council shall consist and be composed of the Rector of the said University, of the Directors of the said Seminaire de Quebec, to wit, the Reverend Antoine Parant, Joseph Aubry, John Holmes, Léon Guigras, Louis Guigras, Michel Forgues, Elzear Alexandre Taschereau, and Edward John Horan, by virtue of their office as such Directors, and their successors, whether the said Directors be or be not Professors in the said University, and of the three Senior Professors of the several Faculties of Divinity, Law, Medicine and Arts in the said University.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, further will and ordain that by the term "Director," shall be understood any and every person considered as such by the said Seminaire de Quebec.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, further will and ordain, that all the powers and privileges granted by this Our Charter shall be vested in and exercised by the said Council.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, will and ordain that the members of the said University Council shall hold their seats in the said Council so long only as they and each of them shall retain their respective offices as aforesaid, by and in virtue of which they become members thereof.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, will and ordain that the Rector for the time being of the said University shall preside at all meetings of the said University Council at which he may be present; and that in his absence from any such meeting, it shall be presided over by such member thereof who may then be the first Assistant Superior of the said Seminaire de Quebec; or in the absence of this latter, by the second Assistant Superior thereof; and in the absence of all three of the above functionaries, by the member of the said Council who shall be the Senior Director of the said Seminaire then present.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare and ordain that no meeting of the said Council shall be, or be held to be, a lawful meeting thereof, unless a majority of the members thereof be present during the whole of every such meeting; and that all questions and resolutions proposed for the

decision of the said University Council, shall be determined by the majority of the votes of the members of Council present, including the vote of the Rector, or other presiding member; and that in case of an equal division of such votes, the Rector or other member presiding at any such meeting shall give an additional or casting vote.

And We do by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, will, ordain and grant that the said Council of Our said University shall have full power and authority to frame and make statutes, rules and ordinances touching and concerning the good government of the said University, the studies, lectures, exercises, degrees in Arts and Faculties, and all matters regarding the same; and also touching and concerning any other matter or thing which to them shall seem good, fit and useful for the well-being and advancement of Our said University, and agreeable to this Our Royal Charter; and also from time to time, by any new statutes, rules or ordinances, to revoke, renew, augment or alter, all, every or any of the said statutes, rules and ordinances, as to them shall seem fit and expedient: Provided always, that the said statutes, rules and ordinances, or any of them, shall not be repugnant to the laws and statutes of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or of Our said Province of Canada, nor repugnant to, or inconsistent with, this Our Charter, or any of the provisions thereof: Provided also, that a copy of all statutes, rules and ordinances so to be made as aforesaid, under and in virtue of this Our Charter, shall be furnished with all convenient speed after the making thereof to the Visitor of Our said University for the time being, who shall have authority within two years from the day of the receipt of such copy, to disallow any such statute, rule or ordinance, or any part thereof; and such disallowance shall, without delay, be signified in writing, under the hand of Our said Visitor, to the Rector of Our said University, and thenceforward such statute, rule or ordinance, or any part thereof so disallowed, shall be void and of none effect, but otherwise shall be and remain in full force and virtue: Provided, also, that all statutes, rules or ordinances repugnant to law as aforesaid, or to this Our Charter, or inconsistent therewith, shall be, *ipso facto*, null and void.

And we do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, will, ordain and declare that the said University Council shall have full power and authority to nominate and appoint the various Professors for the several Faculties of Law, Medicine and Arts, and of revoking and cancelling all such nominations and appointments whenever they shall find just and sufficient cause; and the said Council shall also have and possess the right and privilege of presenting and submitting the names of candidates for the Professorships of Divinity to the Visitor of the said University, by whom alone the appointment of the Professors of Divinity shall be made and confirmed; but the said Council shall have no power or authority to revoke or annul the nomination or appointment of the said Professors of Divinity without the previous consent of the said Visitor.

And whereas it is necessary to make provision for the completion and fitting up of the said Council at the first institution of our said University, and previously to the appointment of any Professors; Now We do for Us, Our heirs and successors, further ordain and declare that until such Professors be named, the Rector and Directors of the said Seminaire shall be deemed to constitute the said Council, and shall be to all intents and purposes capable of performing and exercising all and every the duties, powers, authority and privileges hereby granted to and vested in the said Council.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, charge and command that the statutes, rules and ordinances aforesaid, subject to the said provisions, shall be strictly and inviolably observed, kept and performed from time to time under the penalties to be thereby or therein imposed or contained.

And We do, for Us, Our heirs and successors, further will, ordain and grant that the said Université Laval (Laval University) shall, as such University hereby constituted, have, possess and enjoy all such and the like privileges as are now enjoyed by Our Universities of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, so far as the same are capable of being had, possessed or enjoyed, under and by virtue of this Our Royal Charter, and that the said University Council shall have power and liberty to grant and confer on all students, whether

whether they be or be not students in the said Seminary or University, or in any other College or Seminary within our said Province, which shall be affiliated to and connected with the said University as hereinafter provided, who shall be found duly qualified according to the statutes, rules and ordinances aforesaid, to receive the same, the degrees of Bachelor, Master and Doctor in the several Arts and Faculties; and the said University Council shall have power and liberty within itself of causing to be performed all scholastic duties for the conferring of such degrees, in such manner as shall be directed by the statutes, rules and ordinances aforesaid.

And We do further, for Us, Our heirs and successors, will, ordain and grant, that the said University Council shall, for the purposes of this Our Royal Charter, have, possess and enjoy the right and power to affiliate to and connect with the said University, any one or more College or Colleges, Seminary or Seminaries, public institution or institutions of education within Our said Province, as to the said Council may seem fit; subject, nevertheless, to the statutes, rules and ordinances aforesaid.

And We, for Us, Our heirs and successors, do further will and ordain, that no religious test or qualification shall be required of or appointed for any person to be admitted or matriculated as students within Our said University; provided, nevertheless, that all persons admitted to any Degree in any Art or Faculty therein, shall make such declarations and subscriptions as by the statutes, rules and ordinances aforesaid, shall be fixed and appointed.

Provided always, and this Our Royal Charter is granted upon the express terms and conditions that the powers, authorities, privileges and rights hereby granted shall not, in the exercise of them by the said University Council, in any manner or way interfere with, diminish or otherwise affect the powers, rights and privileges of the said Seminaire de Quebec, as now enjoyed and exercised by the Superior and Directors of the said Seminaire; but that all and every the said rights, powers, authorities and privileges of the said Corporation of "Le Seminaire de Quebec" shall, in the administration of the affairs of the said "Seminaire de Quebec," remain the same as heretofore.

And We will, and by these presents, for Us, Our heirs and successors, do ordain and declare, that these our Letters Patent, or an exemplification thereof, shall and may be good, firm, valid, sufficient and effectual in law, according to the true intent and meaning of the same; and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense, and to the best advantage of the said "Rector and Members of Our said University," as well in all Our Courts of Record as elsewhere, and by all and singular Judges, Justices, officers and other subjects whatsoever of Us, Our heirs and successors; any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, imperfection, defect, matter, cause or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

In Witness, &c., Witness, &c., the Eight day of December.

By Her Majesty's Command.

This is a Copy of the Record.

(signed) *Edward Young,*
Clerk of Enrolments in Chancery.
10 April 1856.
